

SIEC Briefing Paper Olympic Public Safety-Communications Alliance Network (OPS-CAN)

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Description

The OPS-CAN Project in Clallam County was funded by the Department of Homeland Security.

Recommendations to the Committee

This is a report only, without staff recommendations.

Status

- OPS-CAN is now obtaining appropriate construction permits and land leases for the planned radio sites.
- OPS-CAN is finishing work on the required MOUs between agencies.
- OPS-CAN is developing cooperative agreements for microwave usage with the Washington State Patrol and other telecommunication providers.
- Members of OPS-CAN are in the process of obtaining licenses required for use of new spectrum.
- A team from SAFECOM is assisting Clallam County with additional details required by the Department of Homeland Security.

Issues

- Clallam County will deploy system gateway interconnect devices and develop low-level radio sites.
- The Washington State Patrol, in conjunction with other service providers, will create a fully redundant, self-healing microwave and fiber optic loop around the Olympia Peninsula.
- The Washington Department of Transportation will re-construct key mountain radio site and microwave links into the loop.
- The Military Department will provide project engineering and management oversight.

Background

During the October 13 SIEC Meeting, Alan Hull, WSDOT briefed members of the SIEC on the OPS-CAN Project that is taking place as a joint effort in Clallam County. The lead agencies for the project are: Clallam County, the Washington State Patrol, the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Washington State Military Department.

The objective of the OPS-CAN Project is to create a collaborative interoperable network around the Olympic Peninsula that will provide enhanced, on-demand connectivity to meet the needs of emergency responders.

Governor Locke nominated the OPS-CAN Project to the Department of Homeland Security upon recommendation of the SIEC. On September 25, 2003 Clallam County received a grant for a total of \$5,765,100 from the Department of Homeland Security. The requirements of the grant gave Clallam County a very ambitious schedule.